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I am very much in favor of Senator Waldron's amendment but I think somebody should point out one of the good things that comes from the system the way we have it at the present time. One of the valid arguments, I think, for maintaining the Primary in the spring, in May, is to provide a time for healing. Both parties have experienced on many, many occasions rather severe fights or contests within each of the parties, especially for major offices and, probably, minor offices. Whether or not the Legislature becomes partisan or not, I think everybody in this body has participated in one way or another in campaigns in support of either Republican or Democratic candidates in the Primary when there have really been knock-down-and drag-out fights and I think we are overlooking one of the very great advantages of that Primary in May in that it gives the time for healing of party wounds and of putting the pieces together, so that, whatever can be salvaged, can be put together in time for the Fall campaign. And not withstanding that, I would personally favor this amendment.

SPEAKER: The chair next recognizes Speaker Emeritus Hasebroock.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just rise in support of the Waldron amendment. I think it is a good amendment and I think we should vote on it.

SPEAKER: Thank you, Senator. The chair next recognizes Senator Syas. We'll see if we can get your microphone to work.

SENATOR SYAS: Now, we'll see if we can go.

SPEAKER: Ok, you're on.

SENATOR SYAS: All I want to say is that I support the Waldron amendment and wish to say to Senator Fellman that I don't care how many wounds are healed in the party, either one of them, because we have..it gives them the advantage of..on May to heal wounds. I think we should start looking at the people and the parties are secondary. It's what the people would rather have and I know the people are pretty upset of hearing politics from early March until November and I think this will give the people a rest and to heck with the parties, how they heal their wounds. They can heal them anyway they want to. Let's think of the people, not the party, Senator.

SPEAKER: The chair next recognizes Senator Keyes, then Senator Stromer. Senator Keyes, did you wish to be recognized? We are still speaking here on the Waldron amendment to LB 174. Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: I'd like to ask Senator Stromer a question.

SPEAKER: Senator Stromer, will you yield to a question? Senator Stromer, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR STROMER: Yes.

SPEAKER: Thank you.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Stromer, if the Waldron amendment comes on, you made a statement a while ago that the President of the United States was getting quite a bit of excessive power running and choosing his running mate. You left me with that impression. You come along and you ask for a partisan legislature. Now, how would you divert the private powers of party on the Legislature if you want to divert the private power of the federal of the President of the United States to choose his running mate. Please expend on those.

SENATOR STROMER: OK. Senator Keyes, first of all, it sometimes is not the President, or that man himself, who chooses